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SUBJECT: FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITS

REF: BERLIN 1934 BERLIN 1929 BERLIN 1914

1. FOLLOWING KUNZE-MITDANK MEETING NOVEMBER 7,
SENAT AND GDR HAVE SPARRED OVER QUESTION OF FURTHER MEETING
BETWEEN KUNZE AND MITDANK TO DISCUSS NEW CURRENCY-
EXCHANGE REGULATIONS FOR WEST BERLINERS VISITING
EAST BERLIN AND GDR. SENAT REQUEST FOR SECOND
MEETING NOV 9 HAVING BEEN TURNED DOWN BY GDR, SENAT
THEN REQUESTED MEETING FOR NOV 12 CITING ARTICLE 8(2)
OF VISITS ARRANGEMENT, WHICH REQUIRES EITHER PARTY TO
ARRANGEMENT TO MEET AT REQUEST OF OTHER PARTY TO ARRANGEMENT.
MITDANK THEREUPON AGREED TO NOV 16 MEETING IN EAST
BERLIN (ALTHOUGH THAT WOULD BE DAY AFTER NEW
REGULATION GOES INTO EFFECT, AND IT IS WEST BERLIN'S
TURN TO HOST MEETING). ON NOV 12 SENAT REQUESTED
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MEETING BEFORE NOV 15 BUT DID NOT PRESS POINT

ABOUT WHERE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE.

2. PETER HERZ, SENAT CHANCELLERY DIRECTOR, TOLD
MISSION OFFICER NOV 12 SENAT IS ALSO DRAFTING LETTER
FROM GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ TO PRESIDENT OF GDR
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SINDERMANN, WHICH WOULD SAY THAT
SENAT KNEW DETAILS OF GDR CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS IN
1971 WHEN NEGOTIATING VISITS ARRANGEMENT. SENAT
BELIEVED AT THAT TIME AS WELL AS NOW THAT THERE
WAS AN "INTERDEPENDENCE" BETWEEN CIVMINIMUM CURRENCY-
EXCHANGE REQUIREMENT AND SENAT'S ACCEPTANCE OF TOTAL
ARRANGEMENT. SCHUETZ' LETTER WILL SUGGEST
ADDITIONAL KUNZE-MITDANK MEETINGS TO DISCUSS SITUATION
AND, IF NECESSARY, MEETINGS BETWEEN HERZ AND HIS
GDR OPPOSITE NUMBER. ACCORDING TO HERZ, PURPOSE OF
LETTER, DRAFT OF WHICH IS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NOV 12
SENAT MEETING, IS TO GIVE GDR OPPORTUNITY TO "BACK DOWN."
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